TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 887 – HB 1034

March 31, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Increases from 20 to 30 days the time period for filing a report with law enforcement, after obtaining knowledge of a theft or loss of property occurred, for the purpose of recovering such property when the property has been discovered to be in the possession of a buyer or dealer of scrap jewelry or scrap metal.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005655): Deletes and rewrites the bill in its entirety. Requires local law enforcement agencies to develop a protocol for use and maintenance of military equipment obtained through the LESO 1033 program. Requires acquisitions of military equipment by local law enforcement to be approved by a majority vote of the local legislative body. Prohibits college and university police forces from obtaining military equipment. Excludes the Department of the Military and the National Guard. Includes watercraft in the definition of military equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Based on information obtained from the Department of Safety, the department would have to adjust some of their operations. However, no specific costs relating to these adjustments were identified.
- Based on information from the County Technical Advisory Service (CTAS), the fiscal impact of this amended bill is not significant for local government operations.
- There could be some future cost avoidances as some college and university police forces will no longer be able to acquire military equipment. The extent to which such police forces need military equipment under current law is considered minimal. As a result, any future cost avoidance for colleges and universities is estimated to be not significant.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Any impact to commerce as a result of local law enforcement entities developing protocol for use and maintenance of military equipment is considered not significant.
- Any reduction in business revenue as a result of college and university police forces being prohibited from obtaining military equipment is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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